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Haliburton legion members and community volunteers who refurbished the M4 'Easy Eight' Sherman tank were excited to see it return downtown Oct. 19. Photo by Justin Belanger.

'The Haliburton' honours Highlands vets

By Mike Baker

Community members formed a guard of honour along Mountain Street in Haliburton Oct. 19, welcoming the Second World War-era M4 'Easy Eight' Sherman tank back to its new-and-improved home beside the Haliburton Legion.

The antique military vehicle has been off-

base since mid-May, with volunteers working to restore the machine to its former glory. According to project lead, Nick Bryant, about 30 Highlanders gave approximately 1,200 hours of their time to complete the rebuild.

Every inch of the tank has been stripped and sandblasted, with the exterior repainted

a deep shade of green. A new set of rubber tracks has been installed, while fresh decals – bearing the tank's original CFR title number, a memorial message for Highlands' veterans, and a reimagined nickname – complete its new look.

Haliburton Legion president Mike Waller, in attendance at Saturday's service

commemorating the M4's return, had rave reviews for the rebuild.

"The workers did a fantastic job – this restoration went way above my expectations of what could actually be done," Waller said. "I think it's a great symbol of our history. It's important to show people what happened in

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Tank back for Remembrance Day service

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our past, so we don't let it happen again in the future. This project is a great way to show our veterans how we really appreciate everything they've done for us."

Waller said it was important the tank was back in place before the legion's Remembrance Day service Nov. 11. Members traditionally march from the legion building to the cenotaph on Highland Street that morning.

He feels many will be relieved to see the tank return — Waller said he's been inundated with questions from the public about its whereabouts for weeks. Some were worried the M4 was gone for good.

Dysart mayor Murray Fearrey, also in attendance Saturday, remembers the last time the vehicle was paraded through Haliburton village in 1970. Shipped to the community from Base Borden, it was to serve as a memorial for soldiers who fought in the Second World War and Korean War.

"I was actually the reeve at that time," Fearrey said. "The tank is a Haliburton landmark. Any time you drive past it in the summer, there's somebody getting a picture taken on it. It's just like the steam engine and the plane at the high school — unique things that are part of the identity of this community."

Fearrey and Waller thanked everyone who contributed to the project — legion members who completed the brunt of the work, the Haliburton Army Cadets who assisted with odd jobs, Total Site Services and Haliburton Crane Rental who helped move it, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association who offered a storage container to secure tools at the restoration site, and Steve Davidson who rebuilt the concrete pad.



A Haliburton Army Cadet sits in the turret of the new and improved M4 tank. *Photo by Justin Belanger.*

"The fact the community came together in such a big way is fantastic — it really puts a happiness in my heart to see this all come together," Waller said.

The final bill is around \$24,000, though

Bryant noted the bulk of that was covered by a Canadian War Memorials grant.

The tank was initially constructed in 1945 by Fisher Tank Company. Utilized by both the U.S. and Canadian armies, it was

named after William Tecumseh Sherman — a celebrated American Civil War general.

Waller confirmed the vehicle has been rebranded, with its new moniker being 'The Haliburton'.

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VDO pivots as feds step up dental care

By Lisa Gervais

With the rollout of the Canada Dental Care Plan (CDCP), Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) has announced changes for its Haliburton clinic effective Jan. 1, 2025.

The CDCP is a federally-delivered public plan designed to help ease financial barriers to accessing oral health care for up to nine million uninsured Canadian residents. They are assisting people with an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000 and no co-payments for those under \$70,000.

The program has been accepting applications from seniors 65-plus, people with valid disability tax credit certificates, and children under 18-years-old. In 2025, all remaining eligible Canadian resident can apply.

The VDO board recently issued a media release saying that in response to the evolving landscape of dental care in Canada, they are adjusting their services to better meet community needs.

"With the federal government's continuing rollout of the CDCP, many low-income residents in Haliburton County will now have wide access to affordable dental care, resulting in a decreased patient load at VDO."

In the new year, VDO will no longer provide dental care through the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.

VDO president Bill Kerr said in an interview that people 65 and up represent about one-third of the work VDO does, so, "a third of everything is disappearing as of the beginning of January."

He added, "our policy has always been we look after the dental needs of people in Haliburton County that have nowhere else to go, and we don't want to be taking patients away from other practices that are operating,



Bill Kerr discusses changes to Volunteer Dental Outreach at his office. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

and the majority of the patients that qualify for VDO are now qualifying for the federal program."

However, the board stressed that VDO will remain open to provide care to those County residents who do not qualify for the CDCP, and meet the VDOs qualifications. Basically, they look at household income, the number of people living off of that household income, then household expenses to make a decision.

The board said in light of the changes, they are also suspending the 2025 Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament fundraising event. The board said it would assess community needs before making further decisions.

They don't know what impact rolling out the federal program to all age groups will mean next year. Kerr said the original plan by the end of 2025 was to have everybody covered.

Kerr said that, overall, what is happening is good news.

"I thoroughly enjoy doing dentistry for free for people that can't afford it. But if there are other opportunities, I'm quite comfortable doing other things, it's not something I need to do. If they roll out the way they say they're going to roll it out, we anticipate the amount of appointment time, the amount of patient time, to continue to reduce."

However, it's still a wait-and-see for VDO as a Liberal federal election could

change the playing field once again.

In the meantime, they have taught people about how to qualify for CDCP and to apply for it.

He also thinks his late wife, Lisa Kerr, would be pleased with the direction dental care is going.

"Lisa is going to love that there is access to care because she was the one that would drive to someone's house and pick them up if they didn't have a ride. She was all about looking after people. It was all of our dreams that one day the government would step up and look after the people that needed it the most."

MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Short-term rentals appeals committee

County of Haliburton director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, discussed the short-term rental appeals committee at a Minden Hills regular

council meeting Oct. 10.

He said the original idea was to have the committee managed by the County, with one representative from each municipality, and the warden the fifth member, convening on an as-needed basis. The idea was staff from the township would present, the STR owner weigh in, and then the committee

decide the outcome.

However, he said staff have since discovered the Municipal Act does not allow the County to act as the STR appeals committee. He said the townships could pivot, and have their own appeals committee. However, after consulting with a lawyer, he suggested another approach.

Ovell is recommending a transfer of powers' bylaw to be passed by the County, with three of four townships having to support it. If that happens, they can proceed with their original plan. (Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais).



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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Paying the piper

Algonquin Highlands taxpayers will have to stomach a 21 per cent increase in policing costs next year, with Haliburton Highlands OPP saying it will take just over \$1.1 million to effectively service the community.

Treasurer Jean Hughes said this was a significant increase for the municipality, with costs climbing approximately \$210,000. Addressing council Oct. 17, she said policing will account for about three per cent of the township's 2025 budget.

The most significant change, Hughes said, was a budget adjustment of \$62,606 accounting for a shortfall between what the OPP billed for service in 2023 and what the actual policing costs were. She noted overtime, contract enhancements, and court security costs were all up.

OPP salaries and benefits are also up 15 per cent, with operating costs increasing by 13 per cent.

The OPP bills municipalities based on the number of properties within the community. In 2025, the cost per property is estimated at \$238.48. Based on there being 4,691 properties in the township, the total billing for 2025 is \$1,118,726 – or \$98,444 monthly.

Hughes said most communities in Ontario are seeing large increases, ranging from 16.3 per cent to 30 per cent. "So, we're right in line. It's not just us, unfortunately," she said.

Mayor Liz Daniels said the issue will be discussed at an upcoming Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus meeting. She feels communities such as Algonquin Highlands, which has a high seasonal population, should get a break on per property costs.

"We're questioning how many of those [seasonal] households require service over the winter," she said, though noted the increase makes sense given the township's additional request for patrols in high-traffic areas this year.

Upgrades not just hot air

Parks, recreation, and trails manager, Chris Card, updated council on the joint provincial-municipal funding opportunity to upgrade the

HVAC system and install a new digital sign at the Dorset Recreation Centre, estimating the township's costs to be at least \$115,000.

The project qualifies for funding through Ontario's Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund. Municipalities will receive 50 per cent of the money for approved projects, with some "special considerations" eligible for up to 70 per cent.

Card said he thinks Algonquin Highlands, being a small community, fits the bill for a 70 per cent rebate, which would see the province contribute \$268,247. The township would cover the remaining \$114,963. Should they only receive 50 per cent, local costs would climb to \$191,605.

The parks, rec and trails manager said since the facility is a designated pooling space for people to gather during an emergency, there's a good chance it will be approved.

Council agreed to set aside \$114,963 in the 2025 budget. Total project costs are estimated at \$383,210.

Relationship key

The township has extended its long-running arrangement with consulting firm Cambium Inc. to continue environmental monitoring and annual reporting of all four of Algonquin Highlands' waste disposal sites.

Environmental manager Melissa Murray said the three-year deal includes an approximate 6.7 per cent annual increase. With the township paying \$79,120 for service in 2024, that would see costs climb around \$5,300 in year one, \$5,600 in year two, and \$6,000 in year three.

Murray said one of the reasons for the increase is a 300 per cent rate hike in lab analysis costs. Cambium contracts out that work to other companies.

She requested council sole-source its RFP process – meaning they negotiate only with Cambium.

"They have great knowledge of how township operations work, how our projects have developed over time. The amount of time and loss of knowledge we would have moving to another provider I would see as being tremendous," Murray said. "They also



Algonquin Highlands treasurer Jean Hughes said the township's OPP costs are going up 21 per cent over the next year. *File*.

include consultation services in their annual fee, so no hourly rate is charged when we have questions. I think there are savings to be seen by staying with them."

Tower site approval deferred

Council held off approving a new location for a 60-metre cell tower servicing Wren Lake, two years after initially approving the build.

The tower is part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's \$300 million Cell Gap project, which aims to bridge cellular dead zones in rural areas and improve connectivity for 99 per cent of residents in the region.

The tower was approved for construction at 1138 Moyes Trail – and while Rogers, the company tasked with sourcing and building

the structures, still plans to build at the site, the tower needs to be moved approximately 56 metres north due to unsuitable ground conditions.

Council was concerned about approving the amendment, given the township updated its rules for cell tower construction in May 2023 – after this site was first approved. Deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux wanted Rogers to go through another public consultation to gather input from impacted properties in the area, but settled on notices being issued to all residents of the lake.

Planner Sean O'Callaghan said the tower would be located about 500 metres from the nearest home, which is in line with the township's policy. He said the elevation of the two sites is similar.

The project will be discussed again Nov. 21. *(Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker)*

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Mayors put shoulders to wheel on busing

By Lisa Gervais

After a frustrating meeting with representatives of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) last week, Dysart et al and Minden Hills mayors, Murray Fearrey and Bob Carter, said they will now take a school busing issue to the province.

Fearrey and Carter said they were told the new busing rules - stating elementary-aged students living within 1.6 kilometres of school, and high school students within 3.2 kilometres, aren't eligible to be bused - were set by the Ministry of Education a few years ago.

Carter said, "each board put them into place over a period of time but they hadn't gotten to Haliburton and Minden yet. This is the year they got to it."

Carter and Fearrey are worried about the danger of children walking country roads, particularly as Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 3, bringing darkness in the morning and evening.

The Minden Hills mayor said the board representatives said they sent staff to drive Highlands' roads, but were not concerned.

"We suggested that perhaps the roads in July and in January are different, but that didn't phase them too much," Carter said.

"They gave us some examples of new areas in Huntsville, but it's a lot different walking on a street that has no sidewalks in a subdivision in the middle of a city, as opposed to Hwy. 118, or Bobcaygeon Road, or CRD. 121." He said the reps rebutted they have a school in Kirkfield, and in other rural areas.

Fearrey said he could not understand the answers, and while trustees are "honest and good" people he feels they rubber stamped an administrative decision.

Carter added TLDSB indicated they had only two public complaints. He asked whom people should contact if not happy and was told Patricia Hayward, transportation services supervisor, and Tim Ellis, superintendent of business services.

Carter said he was "shocked by the nonchalance" of the responses given, particularly after driving the roads children are now walking. "There's a lot of dangerous roads that don't even have shoulders."

Fearrey said he was "annoyed" and "I just can't believe the process."

The Minden Hills mayor added townships such as Minden and Dysart can't suddenly build sidewalks, hire crossing guards, and install flashing lights as they are expensive. Nor does he know where they would put crossing guards. In Minden, he said there are quirky areas in front of the post office, at Bobcaygeon Road and Water Street, and at Bobcaygeon and Deep Bay roads.

Fearrey said they cannot do maintenance to offset the changes as, "we can hardly afford what we're doing now. We can't start trying to get out before the buses, or before the children walk to and from school, we only run the plows one time a day."

Carter said, "these kids are going to be going to school in the dark. If it's snowing, we will have plows, we will have icy roads. It's not like we can put out some cones, and put a sidewalk or a protected area in place, because some of these roads aren't even wide



Dysart et al mayor, Murray Fearrey, said he is annoyed at TLDSB and the ministry of education over the busing decision. *File*.

enough for two cars.

"I don't want this to be another one where the province reduces services in a department and then turns to the municipality to pick up the slack. They don't raise taxes but make us raise taxes to pay for these things we are really not set up to do."

He added not all families have a second car for driving kids to school, and in some cases, parents have to be at work before school starts, and after school ends.

Fearrey said on Oct. 18, he would be contacting MPP Laurie Scott about the

situation. The two mayors will also be pushing to have a delegation at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference in Toronto in January.

"The ministry of education can't do a one rule fits all scenario, particularly when talking rural Ontario, this is ludicrous," Carter said.

Fearrey said he told TLDSB, "I wouldn't be surprised if there is an accident here because you can't walk on some of these roads in the winter."

Purple party promoting bid for improved child welfare

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society (KHCAS) is encouraging the public to dress purposefully Oct. 25 and wear purple in support of a provincewide effort to bolster child welfare.

The day is about spreading the message that help is available to children and youth in need in Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes, says Jennifer McLauchlan, executive director of the regional Children's

Aid branch.

McLauchlan said wearing purple stresses the importance of fostering safe, caring communities where children and youth can feel safe.

"Dress Purple Day offers an opportunity to raise awareness of the important role we all play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families," she said. "We are wearing purple to show children, youth,

and families that we care and are here to help."

She notes there are four goals of Dress Purple Day: highlighting how KHCAS works with community-based organizations and service providers to support vulnerable children and families; to advocate for provincial money so those in need can access the right care, at the right time, close to home; to drive home the message

that every child has a right to safety and wellbeing in all spaces and that a community plays a key role in protecting those rights; and to strengthen relationships with other service providers working with children and families.

"Join us... and dress purple to send a clear message to Ontario – strong, healthy communities matter," McLauchlan said. *(Mike Baker)*

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DYSART ET AL NEWS**Wig delays 'ridiculous'**

Dysart et al coun. Pat Casey said he's "had enough of waiting around" for the demolition of the Wigamog Inn property, with much of the site still standing 18 months after workers began teardown.

Speaking at an Oct. 22 meeting, Casey – following up on initial concerns raised by mayor Murray Fearrey – suggested it's time the township investigate alternate measures after growing frustrated with repeated delays over the past year.

Owner Aurora Group started demolition in April 2023 – the Wigamog had been vacant for several years, pre-dating the Vaughan-based company's purchase in March 2016, and was described as being in a "state of disrepair" by Dysart's bylaw department.

About a dozen of the property's 37 buildings have been torn down to date, but work has been paused since last summer with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) investigating reports of species at-risk living in the area.

Bylaw officer Hailey Cole told council this week MECP was still involved.

"There was a re-assignment on the ministry side. We've received comments back regarding a species at-risk assessment that was done," she said, suggesting council should consider going into closed session if it wanted to "look into an RFP [for] taking over the demolition of the site."

Council opted to remain in open session, with Fearrey saying, "we definitely need to move on it. I think [nearby residents] have

put up with that [mess] long enough. It's ridiculous."

The township came close to issuing an RFP to begin demolition in October 2022, before Aurora Group started the process.

With little movement since, Casey indicated it was time for the township to step in.

"We definitely need to dig our heels in now," Casey said.

Aurora Group did not respond to an interview request by press time.

A welcome return

The Haliburton farmers market enjoyed a fruitful season following its return to Head Lake Park this summer. Now, Dysart council has set its terms for the popular event to stick in the downtown.

After a months-long dispute last winter, the two parties agreed to a deal that saw market vendors charged \$5 for every event they attended in the park in 2024. The money went to the township to offset park costs.

Casey said after a successful season back he was happy to hold firm on the arrangement for another year.

"I propose we keep the fee the same – I think once everybody got adjusted to it, things seemed to work out pretty good," the Ward 1 councillor said.

The markets are held Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. throughout summer. The final market of the year took place Oct. 8.

STR kick-off

Cole said the online application system



Dysart councillors met Oct. 22, discussing the Wigamog Inn property, the future of the Haliburton farmers market, and bridge rebuilds. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

for short-term rentals opened to all Dysart residents last week.

As of Oct. 22, the township had received 17 applications, Cole confirmed. Forms are available on the Dysart et al website.

Flying the flag

Less than three months after refusing to fly the rainbow flag at town hall, in support of Minden Pride Week festivities across the County, council agreed to erect the 'Wrapped in Courage' flag, raising awareness about gender-based violence, for eight days next month.

The YWCA Peterborough-Haliburton asked the township to display the flag beginning

Nov. 25, which is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, until Dec. 10 – Human Rights Day.

Clerk Mallory Bishop said Dysart had previously flown the flag in 2022.

"Sixteen days seems like quite a while. It's a good cause though," Fearrey said.

Casey said he wanted to be fair and consistent to all organizations, repeating an earlier suggestion to fly commemorative flags for one day only at town hall.

CAO Tamara Wilbee noted staff are working on a flag flying policy, which it hopes to table before the end of the year.

Council agreed to fly the flag from Nov. 25 to Dec. 2. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker*).



Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter is a housing advocate. *File*.

Housing: show me the money

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter is on the board of Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and Kawartha Region, and also sits on the board of Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation.

The housing advocate will be attending the Oct. 24 housing summit in Minden.

Updating *The Highlander* on some initiatives to date, he said the County is looking into communal servicing for water and septic.

Following County of Frontenac director of economic development and planning Joe Gallivan's delegation to County council in September 2023, Carter said the upper-tier government has been looking into communal servicing with director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, working behind the scenes.

"I think in the next couple of months, you'll see it. There's lots of legal issues setting it [a municipal services corporation to oversee communal servicing] up, towns have to own it, but we've been doing the research at the County so we're very much going to do that."

Carter said Ovell had been following along with Frontenac County and the issues they've had getting the Frontenac MSC set up.

"We want to make sure it's set up once, and

good," Carter said.

As for housing strides being made in the Town of Collingwood, Carter said he believes one problem in Haliburton County and Minden Hills is they have no strategic plan.

"We really need to decide what we want to be when we grow up, like how much growth we want to have, where we want to have growth and so on."

He conceded housing has been the most frustrating portfolio since he has become a local politician, now into his sixth year.

"The only way you're going to be able to get anything supportable is through densification. You've got to be building up. People aren't necessarily going to want that, but we don't really have much of a choice."

He said Collingwood has more available land, and a much larger tax base.

In the Highlands, he said, "we've got all sorts of projects that people are planning, and have talked to us about, we've done pre-consultations, but bringing it to fruition is really difficult. There's no money coming from the government."

Speaking to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus 7-in-7 initiative, he said another problem is having shovel-ready projects ready when the government advertises funding with short notice.

The EOWC's 7-in-7 regional housing plan

proposes building at least 7,000 community rental units over seven years across the region to address wait lists. Using a mixed-model approach, the 7-in-7 plan was designed to bring on nearly 21,000 additional market rate units. This would total 28,000 housing units.

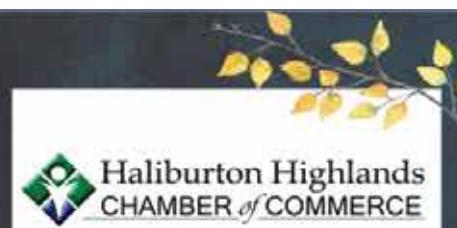
The plan requires partnering with the federal and provincial government, as well as the private and non-profit sectors, and Indigenous partners.

Carter said he and fellow Habitat and KLH Housing board member Fay Martin plan to meet with the Frontenac and Collingwood staffers after the summit.

"They're (Collingwood) looking at lots in a city you can put a house on, in ones and twos, but I'm more interested in 30-40-50s." He said he's been told by some people that 100 houses wouldn't sell but "the numbers are huge in what you can potentially sell. Having some on the market would make it easier for employers to recruit."

He noted Habitat for Humanity is working on three or four projects in the County, including the Wee Care property in Haliburton. They take time, with environment assessments and geotechnical work.

"There's lots going on... but even after you go through that, you have to bring it to fruition by hopefully having enough money."



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Smile because it happened

Minden dentist Bill Kerr, and his late wife, Lisa, were on their way back from Honduras – doing charitable dental work – when they thought their volunteer team should actually be doing something at home.

That thought birthed Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) for Haliburton County, which is now into its 14th year.

On May 19, 2011, VDO opened its doors at 739 Mountain St. in Haliburton to fill a need in the Highlands.

From those humble beginnings, VDO has come a long way thanks to community support, a team of devoted volunteers and dental professionals, and many generous financial contributions.

VDO has remained true to its mission: provide free urgent dental care for low-income residents in the area.

The clinic's volunteers have improved the smiles and oral health of 1,582 patients, totalling more than \$4.5 million in free dentistry as of Sept. 20. For many, the transformations have been life-changing, giving them the confidence to pursue employment opportunities and live without crippling pain.

It was largely through the work of Lisa Kerr that a partnership was established with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District

Health Unit to launch the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program for Haliburton County.

October 9, 2024 marked another watershed moment for VDO.

That's when the board of directors officially responded to the evolving landscape of dental care in Canada – with the federal government's continuing rollout of the Canada Dental Care Plan (CDCP).

VDO is adjusting its services to better meet community needs in Haliburton County since many low-income residents will now have wide access to affordable dental care, resulting in a decreased patient load at VDO.

As of the new year, VDO will no longer provide dental care through the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.

However, it will remain open to provide care to those County residents who do not qualify for the CDCP but meet the qualifications for dental care under VDO's original mandate.

In light of the changes, the 2025 Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament fundraising event has been suspended. The board will assess future community needs before making further decisions.

With one-third of clinic patients to disappear as of Jan. 1, 2024 and the CDCP roll-out expected to hit all ages groups in

the next calendar year, it is evident the clinic will see a lot fewer people in future. However, with a federal election on the horizon and a change in

government possible, VDO is also prudently leaving the door open in case their services will be needed on a larger scale in future.

Ultimately, it is a good news story. The VDO team has been filling a gap that the government should have been providing all along. And while the Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament is not happening in 2025, there is enough in the fundraising coffers to sustain the Mountain Street clinic going forward.

Bill Kerr is pretty confident his wife wouldn't mind the decision to shelve her namesake tournament for now. After all, he said she was passionate about ensuring free dental care for those with nowhere else to turn.

We applaud VDO for its continuing service. The fact it may become obsolete one day because government has finally stepped in is not a bad thing.



By Lisa Gervais

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Ladies of the Lakes going swimmingly

By Susan Tromanhauser

After watching a flotilla of women floating down the river in the heart of downtown Minden, it is not difficult to determine why the Haliburton Highlands Canadian Federation of University Women was awarded the 2024 membership increase award.

Highlands' women want to be part of this group.

CFUW is an organization promoting fellowship and learning through speakers' series, book clubs, and interest groups. This group was just the panacea for many women in search of female friendship. Many members have relocated from an urban lifestyle to the more isolated cottage country. The wide range of interest groups taking place during the traditional cycle of September to June keeps members busy and fulfilled. But how to maintain this female friendship and fun during summer months? Member Heather Greenwald had just the answer – Ladies of the Lakes.

There are over 600 lakes throughout

Haliburton County and Greenwald wanted to take advantage of the beautiful landscape, being active around the water, and enjoying the company of fun women. Each week throughout the summer, Greenwald organizes a different activity with only three rules; the activity is on or near the water, any interested member is invited, and it must be fun.

Members open their own homes with water access decks or docks or nearby public beaches. Over the past three summers, the group has swum, noodled, kayaked or canoed a variety of lakes. There have been experiences with stand-up paddleboards, as well as Dragonboat lessons. This past summer, there was a lakeside Paris summer Olympic event on Halls Lake. The Ladies of the Lake, clad in outrageous costumes, participated in Olympic-themed events with a Celine Dion playlist serenading in the background. Another week, Kashagawigamog and Canning lakes were toured on a classic fantailed boat while the captain shared his wealth of history and knowledge on the lakes.

The highlight every summer is the parade of inflatable rafts down the Minden or Kennisis rivers. What a spectacle to see woman riding avocados, diamond rings, corgi dogs, ice cream cones or other flamboyant floaties. The smiles and laughter make it clear everyone is having a great time.

The group has also traveled just outside of Haliburton to sightsee Lake of Bays on the classic historical Big Win out of Dorset and explored Lake Muskoka while lunching on the steamer Wenonah II.

"We are so fortunate to live amongst an abundance of gifted, delightful waterways so we get out and explore," Greenwald says. While she is the organizer of the group, she takes any ideas a member may have and makes it happen. The group is still working its way up to a midnight skinny dip. Greenwald explains the group is going strong in its third year. "Many have dipped their toes in the H2O and warmed up to this group. All in the spirit of learning, enhancing friendships and fun. Ladies of the Lakes is going swimmingly."



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Hook, Line and Sinker owners Veronica Van Leeuwen (centre) and Taylor Pridham (right) want to establish a new patio at the restaurant. Also pictured chef Doug Morey. *File*.

Hook, Line and Sinker patio build up in air

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al council will take some time to consider an application from Highland Street restaurant Hook, Line, and Sinker to establish a new second-floor outdoor patio area overlooking Head Lake.

The proposal was discussed at an Oct. 22 meeting, where eatery owners Veronica Van Leeuwen and Taylor Pridham, joined by project architect Sam Arasteh, sought clarification on whether the retrofit would be allowed. Their plan includes seating for up to 30 guests.

The pair has been working alongside the township's planning department for months to come up with a proposal that complies with municipal bylaws. The two parties are at odds over whether the patio should be factored into the restaurant's official footprint – or ground floor area (GFA).

Van Leeuwen, Pridham, and Arasteh believe it shouldn't, saying their interpretation of the zoning bylaw suggests the project should be approved.

"The bylaw defines GFA as the total area of all floors within the building measured

within the exterior walls. It specifically excludes patios, decks, and verandas that are not enclosed," Arasteh said.

"The bylaw defines a deck or patio as a structure that is not enclosed and is used for an outdoor living area. The rooftop deck we're proposing fits this definition. It is unenclosed, with one exterior staircase for access and will be used for outdoor dining in the summer," he added.

Arasteh said an existing ground floor patio at the front of the building is not counted within the restaurant's GFA. In a report to council, he noted the patio has been "carefully designed" to avoid adding enclosed space and maintain the building's GFA.

Dysart planning director, Jeff Iles, argued the new structure does contravene the zoning bylaw. He feels the approximate 160 sq. metre patio should be factored into the GFA, saying it will operate as an extension of the restaurant rather than a traditional deck.

This would increase the capacity of the restaurant and necessitate the owners secure additional parking for customers and staff,

Iles claimed.

Van Leeuwen noted there are 18 parking spots on-site at the rear of the building, with another 27 across the road in the Head Lake Park parking lot. With the township requiring one parking spot for every four possible patrons, and the restaurant boasting 100 seats inside and 40 on its current patio, she believes there's already enough parking.

Arasteh said there's currently enough parking to accommodate 172 people. Iles is calling for the business to secure another 20 parking spots.

Mayor Murray Fearrey and coun. Barry Boice quizzed Van Leeuwen and Pridham on the original permit they received upon opening in 2023, where maximum occupancy was limited at 112 indoors and 44 on the outdoor patio. In one of the blueprints submitted to the township, it was noted the existing outdoor patio has 55 seats.

"I want to get sorted out how many seats you have because when you're at capacity that's how many people are going to be there. And that's how many people who will need to park somewhere," Fearrey said, suggesting

the restaurant is running more seats than it should.

In a follow-up with *The Highlander*, Van Leeuwen said, "we are not over capacity, and never have been. We also do not need extra parking with this roof top patio proposal."

Pridham said the existing ground floor patio would be reduced to 25 seats under the new plan.

The owners have offered the township \$20,000 in lieu of additional parking – the municipality reserves the right to accept money in exchange for parking spaces, with the idea it would be used to create additional spaces elsewhere.

No agreement was struck this week, leaving the project in limbo. Fearrey said the township had to be careful about setting a dangerous precedent.

"We have another restaurant opening soon – we're going to have to treat everyone the same here," Fearrey said.

Coun. Pat Casey suggested having a wider discussion on restaurant patios and establishing fair rules for all at a future meeting.

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- Local artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward's exhibit *Burner Herzog* is on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until November 23rd.
- Annual "Haunting in Minden Hills" is taking place at the MHCC on October 26th. See separate ad for details.
- PA Day Open House on October 25th. Activities from 10am – 4pm.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. Meetings begin at 9:00 am unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- October 31 – Regular Council Meeting
- November 14 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal.

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Arts extravaganza raises \$71,000 for Foundation

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Extravaganza, held at Sir Sam's ski chalet Oct. 19, benefited the HHHS Foundation's 'Here For You in the Highlands' campaign for diagnostic imaging. The event, organized by Chris Bishop and several volunteers, raised a net of \$71,000. The crowd of 140 people generously bid on silent, live, and online auction items. They also enjoyed appetizers and the music of Carl Dixon. Highlights included the online auction of an Ethel Curry painting donated by Don and Sheila Popple, ending in a last-minute bidding war. The live auction had neighbours and friends fighting it out for the artwork donated by several noted artists as well as the book that started it all - the 1988 Haliburton Highlands coffee table books donated by Bishop. Foundation executive director, Melanie Klodt-Wong thanked the organizing committee for bringing the community together and the event to life. "And a huge thank you to the artists, the business community, the sponsors and donors for your incredible support," she said. (Lisa Gervais).

Above: Some of the silent auction artworks up for bidding. Inset: Carl Dixon fills the world with the Beatles' *Silly Little Love Songs*. Right: Gordon Cressy takes a bid while Chris Bishop holds a piece of art. Photos by Justin Belanger.



County of Haliburton 2025 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that they will be discussing the 2025 budget at their regular scheduled Council meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. And further 2025 budget discussions will occur thereafter at regularly scheduled meetings until the budget is approved. The agenda for the above noted meeting date can be viewed online at <http://haliburton.civicweb.net>

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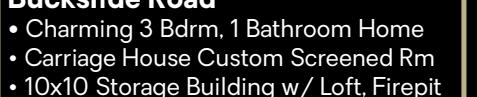
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Who let the dogs in?

Haliburton Highlands Brewing hosted a 'we've gone to the dogs!' event Oct. 20. People were encouraged to bring their pup and join them Sunday afternoon for 'The Day of the Dogs.' There was a vendor market featuring Snowflake Meadows Rescue, Snoop Dawn K9 Training, Classy Mutt Grooming Salon, Buckslide Dog Treats and professional dog portraits by Philip Dyson Photography. Dogs were welcome in the beer garden on leash, or off-leash in their new, fully enclosed dog zone.

Far left: Andrew and Mikenna Isidori with Scotch and Togo. Left: Paul Taylor and Jessie Yeoman with Trixie and Loki. Above: Dog beer and snacks for the four-leggers. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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HALIBURTON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2024

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00PM

**The Count of Monte Cristo** | 173 min, France, action/drama, subtitles

This big budget, big screen film, with extravagant costumes and sets, is based on the classic French novel by Alexandre Dumas. It was the most expensive film made in France in 2024. The film, by directors Alexandre de La Patelliere and Matthieu Delaport, begins in Marseille in 1815 and moves quickly through the years as the lead, Pierre Niney as Edmond Dantes, seeks revenge for a crime he did not commit.



10:00AM

Flow | 84 min, Belgium/Latvia/France, animation/adventure/family

Flow is an animated adventure/fantasy film directed by Gints Zilbalodis. It was selected as the Latvian entry for Best International Feature Film at the 97th Academy Awards. As Cat's home is

devastated by a great flood, he finds refuge on a boat and learns much about compassion, friendship, survival, and dying. This animated, dialogue-free film, filled with beautiful images and thought-provoking metaphors, will captivate audiences of all ages.

1:00PM

Samia | 102 min, Italy/Germany/Belgium, biodrama, subtitles

Based on the true story of Olympian, Samia Yusuf Omar, this movie exemplifies perseverance and the joy of movement. At the age of nine, Samia discovers she can run fast so she and her best friend, Ali, hatch a plan

to use her talent to become rich and famous. But civil war breaks out in Somalia and things change, yet Samia continues to race to the top both in her own country and in exile.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:00AM

All We Imagine As Light | 118 min, France/India, drama, subtitles

Moving from urban bustle to seaside idyll, this exquisitely beautiful and heartfelt feature debut from Payal Kapadia (A Night of Knowing Nothing), follows two nurses experiencing personal turning points tinged

with the possibility of romance. We will experience dreamlike reverie in emotional shifts and everyday experiences.

Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

Tickets \$10 at the door, when available.

Lineup is subject to change.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

3:15PM

Can I Get A Witness | 112 min, Canada, sci-fi/drama

How much time is enough?

are you willing to do for the greater good? This film is a powerful look at personal grief, accepting death, and kindness towards one another.

7:30PM

Special Guest: Kate Campbell

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8:00PM

Home Free | 96 min, Canada, drama

Family secrets, family dynamics, the complexities of love: this powerful Canadian film has it all. Three estranged and very different daughters are invited to their parent's home to celebrate an anniversary, but all does not

go as expected. This movie is sure to make connections and evoke emotion. *Trigger warning: topic of suicide*

Special Guests: Avi Federgreen, director/writer/producer

and cast members will join the screening.

1:15PM

Drive Back Home | 100 min, Canada, biodrama, subtitles

Inspired by a true story, this movie was filmed in North Bay and stars Alan Cumming and Charlie Creed Miles. In the winter of 1970, a cantankerous, small town plumber from rural New Brunswick, must drive his beat-up work truck 1,000 miles to Toronto to get his

estranged, gay brother out of jail after his arrest for having sex in a public park. The two men are then forced to drive back home together at the behest of their hard-nosed mother...before they kill each other.

Trigger warning: homophobia

Enjoy a haunting Halloween in the Highlands

By Mike Baker

The spirit of Halloween will descend upon Haliburton County over the weekend, with a series of hauntingly horrifying events springing to life in the Highlands.

There's fun for the whole family Oct. 25 to 27 – helping to hype up kids in advance of the annual trick or treat extravaganza.

It all kicks off Friday with the much-anticipated return of the Hallowen Haunted Trail at Abbey Gardens, and Haunted Forest Walk in Minden. These outdoor dusk-time events take the public on a terrifying journey through nature – with a few jump scares along the way.

Abbey Gardens says it's, "levelling up the scares with new scenes and new scares" during this year's event. The walk runs Oct. 25 and 26 between 7 and 9 p.m. Staff will be on-site maneuvering people through the dark trails surrounded by dense forest. Small groups will be granted entry every five minutes. No reservations necessary.

The experience is open to all ages but be warned – there are lots of jump scares. Tickets are \$10 and available online at abbeygardens.ca.

Rachael and Allan Velkovski are once again welcoming the public to participate in the Haunted Forest Walk, which runs Oct. 25 to 27, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at their sprawling property at 1043 Turntable Dr.

The Velkovskis say the event is geared towards older children – not recommending it for anyone 10 and under. Cost is \$3 per

person, with all proceeds going to local charities.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will be abuzz Oct. 26, with a flurry of frighteningly fabulous activities planned at the Heritage Village and Nature's Place Interpretive Centre throughout the day.

As well as enjoying spooky decorations, hands-on crafts, Halloween games, pumpkin carving, and colouring, attendees can enjoy a scary storytime at the Minden library between noon and 12:30 p.m.; participate in a costume parade at 1 and 4:30 p.m.; learn how to bust a move like a sorcerer during dance workshops by Dance Happens Here Haliburton at 1:30 and 4 p.m.; and tour a paranormal haunted house at 5 p.m.

Pockets the Clown will be doing face painting from noon to 2 p.m. and again from 4 to 6 p.m., while the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library will host a sci-fi/thriller book sale throughout the day.

There will be prizes awarded for pumpkin carving, costume parades, and colouring sheet contests. Admission is by donation.

Other events:

- Pumpkin carving Oct. 24, 6 - 7 p.m. Dorset Recreation Centre. \$6 per person.
- Walkabout Farm warped woods Halloween show Oct. 27, 1 - 5 p.m.
- Happy Halloween trash or treat event, Scotch Line landfill, Oct. 31, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Halloween trunk or treat Oct. 31, Haliburton Chrysler, 5 - 7 p.m.



Abbey Gardens will be one of many haunting Highlands locales this weekend. *File*.

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1. File No. PLSRA2024027: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of 1203 Shuylers Island Road located within Part Lot 14, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; and

The above noted application is available for inspection in the Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

AND TAKE NOTICE should you wish to provide comments with respect to the above referenced application, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than **November 22, 2024**.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE if deemed advisable, a By-law giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requisite commenting period.

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Huskies ranked sixth in the country

By Mike Baker

A late Alex Bradshaw game-winner in double overtime secured a 5-4 road victory for the Haliburton County Huskies Oct. 20, extending the team's winning streak to 11 games.

The blue and white earned three more wins last week – besting the Caledon Admirals 6-3 on the road Oct. 17 and slaying the Buffalo Jr. Sabres 3-1 on home ice Saturday, before narrowly squeaking past the Stouffville Spirit away on Sunday. With the wins, the Huskies have climbed above the Trenton Golden Hawks into first place in the Ontario Junior Hockey League's East Division.

With the second longest active winning streak across Canada's nine Jr. A hockey leagues – one game back of the Central Canada Hockey League's Rockland Nationals – the Huskies climbed eight spots into sixth position in the national rankings, a new franchise record.

"It's obviously hard to say things aren't going great – being on an 11-game winning streak and sitting in first place in our division, it's fantastic," Bradshaw told *The Highlander* Oct. 21. "The guys are happy. As a team, I think we're really gelling right now. It's been a great way to start the year."

Boasting the league's top scorer Nathan Poole, averaging 2.07 points-per-game with 31 in 15 appearances, fellow offensive stalwarts Ty Petrou and Deandres De Jesus, top blueliners Carson Littlejohn and Raine Nadeau, and a handful of talented, enthusiastic rookies, Bradshaw believes this year's team has all the ingredients to push for a championship.

Asked what separates this dominant Huskies side from the borderline playoff outfit he was on last season, Bradshaw said team spirit is at an all-time high.

"We had a lot of great players last year – this year is no different, but I think the big thing is how much we're gelling as a team. From our defencemen, to forwards, to goaltending – everybody is playing a part and reaching the levels they need to hit to

make a difference," Bradshaw said. "Right now, we're getting that early jump on the season and those teams who are still figuring things out, which is great."

He said the sprightly team – the second youngest in the league – has talked about the Canadian Junior Hockey League rankings but aren't paying much attention at this point in the season. The only focus, Bradshaw says, is the next game – Friday on the road in Pickering.

"We just want to keep this winning streak going as long as we can," Bradshaw said.

Huskies 6-3 Caledon

The 20-year-old was in fine form last Thursday, registering a team-high three points – one of them shorthanded, in a blowout victory over the Admirals.

Bradshaw had the team's second and sixth goals, while assisting on a third period De Jesus snipe. Curtis Allen, Ryder Dagenais and Tyler Oletic had the other goals for the blue and white. Petrou had a pair of assists, ditto De Jesus, with solitary apples going to Dagenais, Ryan Gosse, Cole Brooks, Noah Lodoen, Isaac Larmand, and Adam Smeeton.

Huskies 3-1 Buffalo

There were 411 roaring fans in attendance Saturday as the Huskies kept their impressive run alive with a hard-fought win over their American rivals.

A quickfire pair of goals in the first period – by Dagenais at 13:39 and Larmand at 15:13 – put the Huskies in complete control early on. Buffalo responded midway through the second, Cam Doran potting his seventh of the season at 13:45, before defenceman Camron Hankai made sure of the points 3:01 into the final frame.

Young goaltender Carter Nadon earned the win, making 27 saves on 28 shots – good enough for a .964 save percentage. It was the 17-year-old's fifth win of the season.



Huskies star Nathan Poole is denied a goal during Saturday's 3-1 home win over the Buffalo Jr. Sabres. *Photo by Justin Belanger.*

Huskies 5-4 Stouffville

Fans were treated to a classic on Sunday as the visiting Huskies held their nerve to survive a late Spirit fightback. Poole led the team with three points – scoring the first and third goals and assisting on Petrou's powerplay strike 16:17 into the middle frame.

The Huskies went into the final period up by two but soon found themselves in trouble, with Stouffville rallying late to force overtime. Gosse had the blue and white's other marker.

With the scores tied through one-and-a-half extra frames, Bradshaw took centre

stage. Positioning himself in front of the net, he waited patiently as Petrou and Hankai worked the puck in his direction. When it arrived, the team's number 16 made no mistake.

"I was just ecstatic – it's hard not to be any time you get a winner in overtime, but to get one that keeps a streak going, it was a cool moment," Bradshaw said, giving the credit to his linemates for finding him with the puck at the perfect opportunity.

After Friday's road tilt in Pickering the Huskies host the third-place St. Michael's Buzzers at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Saturday. Puck drop is 4 p.m.

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Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with his family by his side on Monday, September 30, 2024, in his 68th year. Beloved big brother to Doug (Sharon) of Minden, Dan (Debbie) of Minden, Darlene (David Gervais) of Woodville, and Dale (Eldon Bull) of Minden. Predeceased by his loving parents, Jim and Barb Allison, and his youngest brother Derek. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Dave's first love was music. In his earlier years (in the '70s and '80s) Dave was the original rhythm guitarist and backing vocalist in a Canadian Heavy Metal Rock Band called "Anvil" and spent a decade cutting 5 albums and touring around the world. Later he moved to Kushog Lake where he worked in the family construction business with his father and brothers before opening his own Arborist business "Timberline". He will forever Rock On in our hearts. Dave's family would like to thank Dr. Coles and the nursing team at the Haliburton Hospital for their exceptional care.

Private Family Arrangements

As per Dave's wishes, the family will honour his life in a private celebration. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the

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Celebration of Life

As per Howard's wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. As an expression of sympathy donations can be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the

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*In Loving Memory of*
**Betty Trapp
(nee Schott)**

Betty Elenor Trapp (nee Schott) with family by her side, passed away at Haliburton Hospital on October 15, 2024, in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late William (Bill) Trapp (2016) for more than 60 years, and much-loved mother of Gary (Cindy) of Haliburton and Robert (Suzanne) of Niagara Falls. Grandma will be dearly missed by her grandchildren Lindsay and Tyler. She will be remembered fondly by her surviving family members: sisters Sandra (Norphy dec) and Donna, brother Jim (Jill), and many nieces and nephews. Betty was predeceased by her parents and parents-in-law, sister Carole Edwards (2021), siblings-in-law June and Bruce Elliott, John (Jack) Trapp, Adeline Trapp, Ken and Mary Trapp, many other close family members, along with her dear friend from public school onwards - Carole Bender (2024).

Betty met Bill through bowling and their mutual employment with Bell Canada, and after their sons were in school, Betty worked for Sears for several years. Following Bill's retirement from Bell Canada in 1987, they moved from St. Catharines to become full-time residents on Maple Lake in Haliburton, and then at Echo Hills in Haliburton. They enjoyed various activities in early retirement like golf and bowling, as well as day-tripping off to try their luck at the casino before returning home to the natural beauty of the Highlands. Betty also loved gardening and puzzles, and they both valued their family and friend connections from far and near.

Betty was very grateful for the care given support that allowed her to continue to live independently in her cozy Echo Hills apartment for many years, and then the ongoing support in her last nest at the Gardens Retirement home since the fall of 2023.

The compassionate care of the Haliburton Highlands Hospital medical and all support staff in her final days was clearly evident and much appreciated by her family.

Celebration of Life

Betty requested cremation, and in honour of her final wishes, the family will hold a Celebration of Life at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit, the Haliburton 4C's organization, or Operation Smile Canada would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the

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In keeping with Kevin's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of his Life will be held at the Kinmount Community Centre, 4995 Monck Rd, Kinmount, Ontario K0M 2A0 on **Sunday, October 27, 2024** from 12:00 o'clock noon until 2:00 pm.

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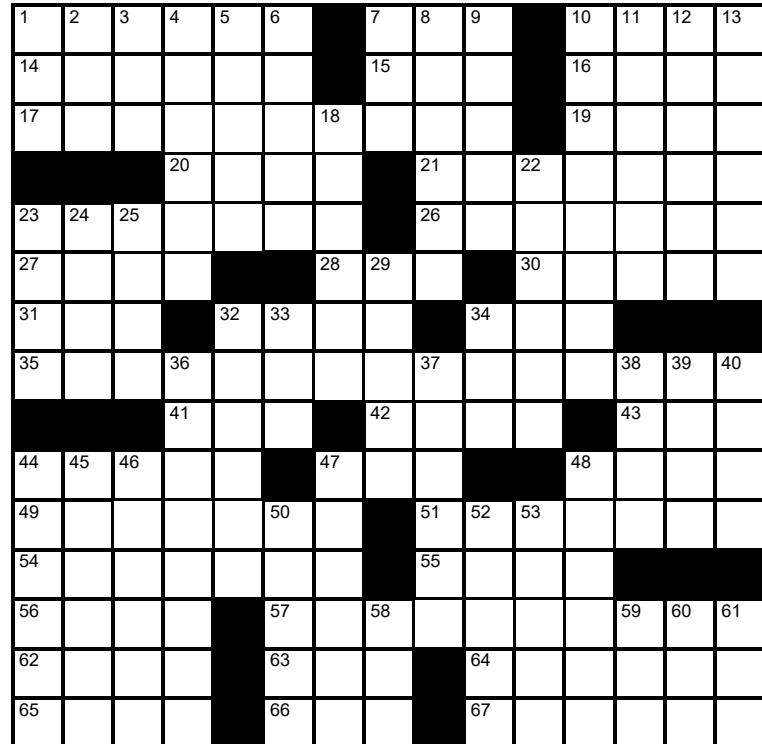
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Across

1 Noted lullaby composer
7 Gift in "The Gift"
10 "What a bummer," to Shakespeare
14 Pull from the ground, as carrots
15 Blessed Fr. woman
16 Casual meeting?
17 *Having a majestic presence
19 Old El ___ (salsa brand)
20 Munich Mrs.
21 Got around
23 *Marzipan nuts
26 *Like burrito beans
27 To see, in Toulouse
28 Emily Carr's favourite subject, maybe
30 ___ Penny (Chicken Little's friend)
31 Helpful friends in high places
32 Hand, in Havana
34 This or that, to Thérèse
35 *Yellow bloom of the Mojave region
41 Grp. with skating Senators
42 Big swig
43 Cashier's wrist malady, e.g.:
Abbr.
44 Smooth relations
47 See 29-Down
48 Editorial slant
49 *Greeted a fellow dojo student
51 *They're neck and neck"
54 "Please, we don't need to know"
55 Fly high
56 Sound never actually made by a pig
57 *Final kick at the can
62 Lévesque or Descartes
63 Levin who wrote of Rosemary
64 Form thoughts
65 Sound like a jackass
66 Poe character Arthur Gordon ___
67 Noon, and a "central" feature of the answers to the starred clues

Down

1 Pour water, clear tables, etc.
2 Lit. hand-in, say
3 The Altar constellation



4 Crushing on
5 Grieve
6 Ending with home or bed
7 Title for an atty.
8 ___ McLean, former host of "The Vinyl Café"
9 Tick off
10 Strive for
11 Show through the entrance
12 Ad words with "on TV"
13 Poorly put together
18 Some are lazy, some are black-eyed
22 Proving useful
23 Enthusiastic
24 Word with Ranger or wolf
25 Be a lousy sniper, say
29 Blush, or French for 47-Across
32 Stevenson character, after drinking a serum
33 Ocean off Nfld.

34 Grp. with Alouettes and Argonauts
36 Carriage return, to today's typist
37 Defrocked colony member?
38 In Canada, it's "dropped" before an election
39 Morales of "Ozark"
40 Take a stand?
44 Be an effective sponge
45 More like Eeyore
46 "I ___ Iguana" (kid's book)
47 Beads clutched in church
48 Like jail cells or product codes
50 The Netherlands' national flower
52 "Run ___" (Bobby Vee hit)
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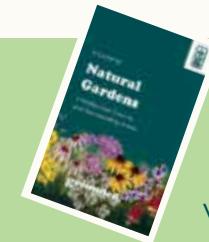
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